| 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| 6. | Nanjagud | 1.75 |
| 7. | Shimoga | 7.09 |
| 8. | Sri Rangapatna | 1.84 |
| | Total-B | 25.73 |
| | Total (A+B) | 329.32 |

**Forest Management**

3868. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) in how many States the scheme under Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forests on usufruct are being implemented;

(b) whether the proceedings of the meetings held by Joint Forest Management at the States level are being examined and follow up action taken thereon; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forests on Usufruct Sharing Basis" is being implemented in 16 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tripura and West Bengal.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. The Joint Forest Management (JFM) programme is reviewed by the State Forest Departments from time to time and necessary action taken to strengthen it. At Government of India level, a JFM Cell has been set up in the Ministry and network has been established with members from State Governments, grass root level workers, NGOs, research institutes and donor agencies for frequent consultations. Periodical review of the progress of JFM programme is conducted. It has been reported that 11.624 million ha.

of forests are being managed under JFM programme through 44,886 village level JFM committees in 26 States.

**Conference of State Forest Ministers**

3869. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction on the recommendations/ decisions taken in the conference of State Forest Ministers, held in Coimbatore in January, 2000; and

(b) by when these are likely to be implemented, to protect the Wild Life?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The National Conference on Environment and Forests held on 29-30 January, 2001 at Coimbatore adopted the following resolutions for the protection of wild life in the country:

1. Wild animals do considerable damage to agricultural crops in areas adjoining national parks and sanctuaries, causing considerable concern, thereby requiring formulation of an appropriate insurance scheme for compensating damage to agricultural crops falling within five kilometers of national parks and sanctuaries.
2. Existing provisions for payment of compensation in the cases of deaths due to wild animals were emphasized, with the objective of ensuring compaliance by the State/Union Territories Governments.
3. The ban on recruitment of forestry personnel shall be lifted and the vacancies filled up immediately on the lines of Police Department. The field formations shall be reorganized into viable units and be provided with adequate mobility, fire arms and effective communication network.
4. An effective mechanism for intelligence gathering and data base of habitual offenders should be developed for preventing wildlife crimes.